

HOUSE RESOLUTION 215

By Maddox

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Mary Wilder for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost probity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their constituents and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Mary Wilder is one such distinguished public servant who has served her constituency and this legislative body with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, appointed by the Shelby County Commission on April 9, 2007, to occupy a vacant seat in the House of Representatives, Mary Wilder has served the people of the 89th House District with diligence and integrity; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure in the House, Mary Wilder has conducted herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the greater Memphis community and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Mary Wilder's peerless commitment to the democratic process is evidenced by her active participation in the legislative process throughout this session; and

WHEREAS, forging ahead with no small amount of acumen and alacrity, Representative Wilder cast her first vote on a bill increasing the tax on cigarettes as a member of the House Agriculture Committee; and

WHEREAS, she strongly supported the proposal, and cast an aye vote to improve education for our children and the health of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, a former teacher, Mary Wilder is the manager of a home repair program for the Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association and a longtime member of the Vollintine Evergreen Community Association; and

WHEREAS, Representative Wilder is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mary Wilder is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor Representative Mary Wilder for her estimable service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly, thank her for her tireless efforts in service of the good people of House District 89, and commend her for her contributions and good works in service of this State's citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to Representative Mary Wilder our best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.